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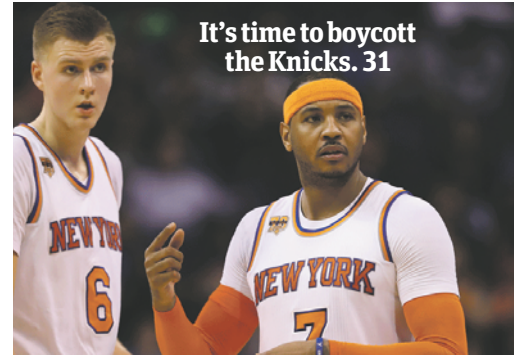
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TRUMP TO MIDDLE EAST: DRIVE OUT EXTREMISTS

President Donald Trump urged Arab and Islamic leaders on Sunday to unite and do their share to defeat Islamist extremists, making an impassioned plea to “drive out” terrorists while toning down his own harsh rhetoric about Muslims. Trump singled out Iran as a key source of funding and support for militant groups. His words aligned with the views of his Saudi Arabian hosts and sent a tough message



to Tehran the day after Hassan Rouhani won a second term as Iran's president.

The U.S. president did not use his signature term “radical Islamic terrorism,” a signal that he decided to employ a more moderate tone in the region after using the phrase repeatedly as a presidential candidate. **REUTERS**

AMERICAN CLIMBER DIES ON MOUNT EVEREST

An American climber on Mount Everest died Sunday, officials said, the third death on the world's highest mountain in the past month and raising safety concerns for climbers. Roland Yearwood, 50, from Alabama, perished at an altitude of about 27,500 feet in an area called “death zone” which is known for thin air, Murari Sharma of the Everest Parivas trekking company

that sponsored his climb said. “We have confirmation of his death but no other details are known,” Sharma told Reuters in Kathmandu. “It is also unclear if he was on his way up or down from the summit,” he said. Yearwood was part of a 16-member team led by American climber Dan Mazur that is climbing the normal Southeast Ridge route from the Nepali side of the mountain. **REUTERS**

NORTH KOREA TESTS ANOTHER MISSILE

North Korea fired a ballistic missile into waters off its east coast on Sunday, its second missile test in a week, which South Korea said dashed the hopes of the South's new liberal government for peace between the neighbors. A South Korean military official said the missile appeared to be an upgraded, extended-range version of the North's solid-fuel submarine-launched missile. The missile fired



a week ago was liquid-fueled, and flew further. North Korea has defied all calls

to rein in its nuclear and missile programs, even from China, its lone major ally, saying the weapons are needed for legitimate self-defense. The reclusive state has been working to develop a nuclear-tipped missile capable of striking the U.S. mainland. **REUTERS**

CANADA'S JUSTIN TRUDEAU PHOTO-BOMBS STUDENTS' PROM PICTURE

Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau made an unscheduled appearance jogging through a high school prom photo in Vancouver. Trudeau had been out for a run along the Stanley Park Seawall when he passed a group of students in formal wear. His official photographer Adam Scotti tweeted a picture of the moment, captioned: “Prom season in #Vancouver.”

ADAM SCOTTI TWITTER



ISRAEL CONCESSIONS TO PALESTINIANS

Israel on Sunday authorized a few economic concessions to the Palestinians requested by President Donald Trump, hours before Trump begins a visit in which he hopes to revive peace talks frozen since 2014. As well as the concessions, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Security Cabinet, a forum of senior ministers, voted to establish a committee to examine legalizing

outposts built without formal approval in the occupied West Bank. “The security cabinet has approved economic measures that will ease daily civilian life in the Palestinian Authority after [Trump] who arrives tomorrow, asked to see some confidence building steps,” the cabinet statement said. Trump arrives in Israel on Monday and will meet Netanyahu. **REUTERS**

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Is Jared Kushner the person of interest in the Russia investigation? Suspicions are swirling that Jared Kushner, a top official close to President Trump, and his son-in-law, may be considered a person of interest in a criminal probe of the White House. **metro.us**

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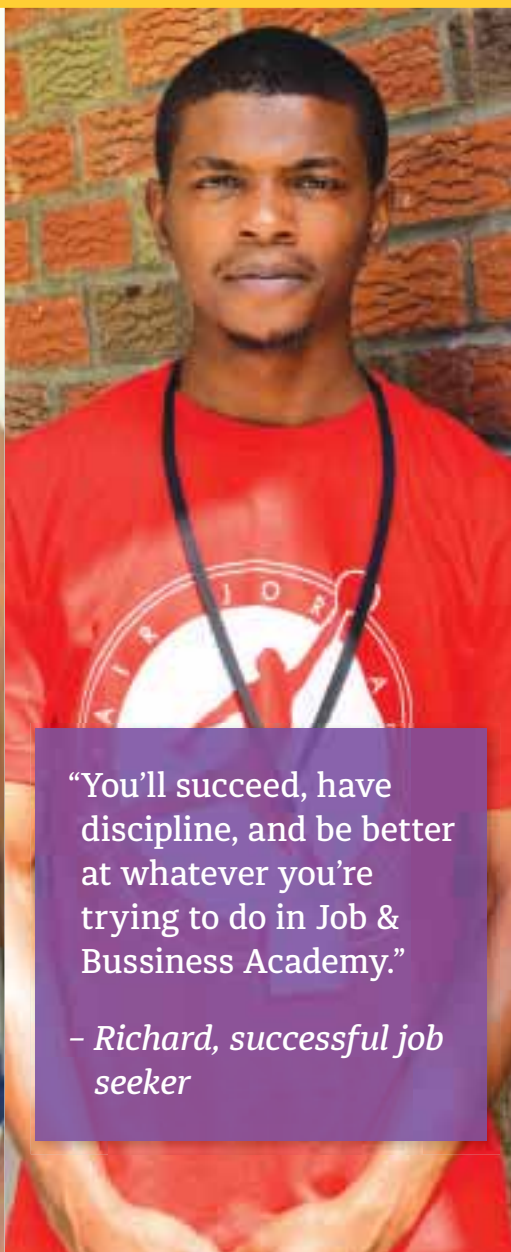
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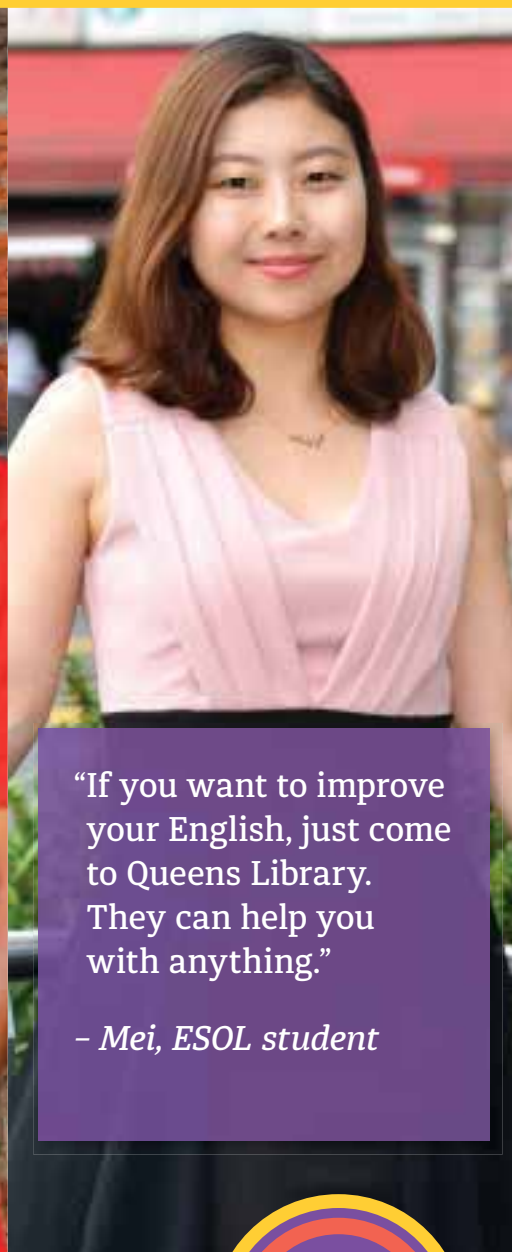
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Clear wants to turn your identity digital and your future frictionless

The biometrics company uses fingerprints, eyes and faces to streamline and secure your experience at airports and stadiums across the U.S.



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If there's anything New Yorkers — and most people, we presume — hate, it's waiting. We loathe lines at the airport, sporting events, grocery stores, train platforms ... you get the idea. But one company's mission hopes to take you from the lines to getting where you need to go seamlessly.

In fact, Clear, a New York-based technology company, has already gotten started doing just that with its biometrics-based

identity platform that's being used by more than 1 million members at six stadiums and 21 airports across the U.S., with Los Angeles International Airport becoming No. 22 at the end of this month.

"We verify our members' identity, digitize that identity and turn it into a digital token," Clear Chief Administrative Officer David Cohen told Metro. "We take the biometrics — their fingerprints, their eyes and a high-resolution facial photo — and that becomes the key to their verified identity."

Dedicated Clear lanes, which allow members to sail through much of the security-screening process, can be found in New York at JFK International Airport and LaGuardia Airport, as well as Yankee Stadium and Citi Field.

Though it's not usable for train and subway travel, yet, a Clear enroll-



Clear has been certified by the Department of Homeland Security as a qualified anti-terrorism technology. LUC KORDAS

ment pop-up kiosk will be in the Graybar Passage of Grand Central Terminal near Track 17 through the end of July.

With Clear in five MLB stadiums and one NBA arena, Cohen said the company is "having con-

versations" with venue operators and leagues "all over the place" and hopes to move beyond airports and arenas.

"We'd like a time in the very-near future to give you the opportunity to use Clear not only to

get into the stadium, but buy concessions or your beer with your biometrics," he said.

Beyond that, Cohen said Clear wants us to imagine a world where we can walk thorough the store and pay for

items as we put them in our cart or not be asked a zillion ID-related questions when picking up prescriptions at the pharmacy.

"Anytime where you have an opportunity to replace that friction where you have to take something out of your wallet, biometrics is a secure, fast, more-efficient way to make life easier," Cohen added. "We'll be rolling out that technology very soon."

Clear costs \$179 per year, and the company runs promotions for new members. New Yorkers who sign up at Grand Central will get two months of free membership. The Grand Central kiosk will be open through the end of July from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

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2011

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2015

Jets wide receiver Brandon Marshall runs the race for his non-profit organization, Project 375, dedicating each mile to a different mental illness.



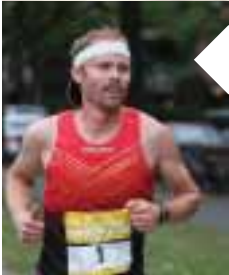
2015

The first year that Rock 'n' Roll Brooklyn hosted the half marathon distance.



2016

Olympian, Jared Ward, joins runners on course.



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From left, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President Donald Trump, Saudi Arabia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, King Abdullah II bin al-Hussein of Jordan and President of Egypt Abdel Fattah el-Sisi pose for a photo during the Arab Islamic American Summit. GETTY IMAGES



TRUMP'S AMERICA

WHAT A FINE RELIGION YOU PEOPLE HAVE

OPINION



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just can't stand not to be liked by whoever's sitting across from him. We've seen this movie before.

Trump campaigned against NATO as "obsolete" until NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg showed up in Washington. Suddenly, everything changed. "I said it was obsolete," the president said of the key Atlantic alliance. "It's no longer obsolete."

Similarly, Trump claimed China was "raping" the U.S. economy and vowed to label China a currency manipulator on his first day in office. Then, Chinese President Xi Jinping came to Mar-a-Lago, where he wasn't served the Big Mac that Trump had once promised. Over the most beautiful piece of chocolate cake ever, the rape talk was history, and China was "not a currency manipulator" anymore.

The flips just keep flopping, often though not always because of physical proximity: Fed chair Janet Yellen (from bad to good), FBI Director James Comey (from good to bad), Barack Obama (bad to good to bad again), Megyn Kelly (bad, good, bad), Vladimir Putin (good to bad to good to better to great to God knows what's coming next).

Whatever. He certainly sounded less hateful yesterday. These days, I'm taking what I can get.

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Look who's pals with the Muslims now!

After famously snarling that "Islam hates us" and campaigning for a ban on all Muslims entering the United States, Donald Trump stood before the world's Muslim leaders and sounded almost like a normal American president.

The fight against terror "is not a battle between different faiths, different sects or different civilizations," he said Sunday in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, the first stop of his first overseas trip as president. "This is a battle between those who seek to obliterate human life and those who seek to protect it."

The less bombastic tone was instantly welcomed around the world and at home. Trump didn't quite apologize — this president never apologizes — for the overheated rhetoric that helped elect him. But reading the careful words that staffers had clearly written, the only question was how much of it he actually believed.

One of two things explained the more measured tone: Either Trump has come to understand that it makes no sense to continue alienating America's Muslim allies, our best defense against future acts of terror — or, in a desperate quest for face-to-face approval, he

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Coney Island's Mermaid Parade is underwater, financially

The legendary parade is floundering financially and turning to crowd-funding to survive the stormy seas.



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After 35 years running, Brooklyn's Mermaid Parade is in troubled waters. The annual celebration that mobs the streets of Coney Island with scantily clad mermaids, artists and antique cars is known for heralding the start of summer, attracting a staggering 800,000 attendees.

But this year, they're struggling to stay afloat. Costs, including pricey permits, insurance and the parade assembly's move into the Ford Amphitheater, have left an abyss in funding that organizers are racing to fill before the June 17 event.

Dick Zigun, the parade's founder who is known as the unofficial mayor of Coney Island, says the trade-off for the new event space is a hefty price tag. "It's the assembly site we always dreamed of," he remarked. "That comes with extra expenses."

The amphitheater has food service, a weather cover and dozens of bathrooms, making it an appealing spot for the assembly, but it's just one of the many fees that must be paid by Coney Island USA, the not-for-profit putting on the event. The organization operates on a million-dollar annual budget, with the parade accounting for at least

10 percent. The total cost for the event is a not-so-modest \$100,000, half of which organizers say must be raised by crowd-sourcing if the event is to move forward.

Zigun remains confident and said there are no plans to cancel. "It's fairly doable," he remarked. "We're just trying to be responsible about our overall budget."

Looking back, Zigun's optimism might be warranted. In 2013, a Kickstarter campaign generated \$100,000, double what is needed this year, when Coney Island USA's offices were flooded by Superstorm Sandy and the parade was in jeopardy. With supporters' donations, the show went on.

Although the parade date has been set, the not-for-profit is still struggling to make ends meet.

Last winter, the organization laid off its entire staff for three months amid financial troubles. "We're trying to stabilize the whole organization," Zigun said.

As for the Mermaid Parade, Coney Island is determined to ensure there is no corporate takeover and is looking at crowd-sourcing as an annual source of funds. So far, nearly \$8,000 has been given to the Feed the Mermaids campaign, leaving just under a month for the remaining \$40,000-plus.

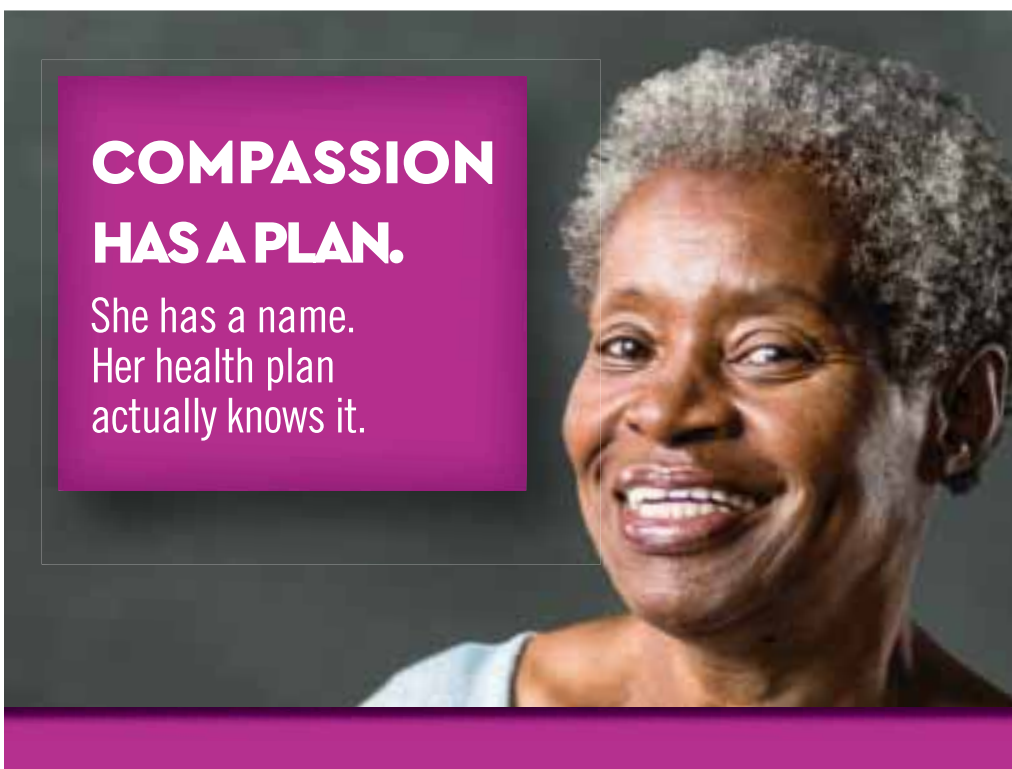
This year, Debbie Harry and Chris Stein of Blondie will be the honorary parade queen and king. As Zigun says, it's all part of what makes this city unlike any other. "We're proud to represent the wonderful weirdness of New York," he said.



A shell-bespeckled participant walks the boardwalk in the 2014 Mermaid Parade at Coney Island. GETTY IMAGES

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Why Knee Arthritis Sufferers Of Almost All Ages Are Opting For Newest Medical Procedures Before Surgery . . .

Fraction of the cost, minimal risk and little to no downtime amongst top reasons

By Matt Edgar

America's Health Writer

New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

*"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment" noted the clinic director at the **NY Pain MD** in New York City. "The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at **NY Pain MD** because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments a lot of clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to trying to avoid knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possible"*

What is the "correct treatment?"

"That depends," said the director. "There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day," added the director.

For many knee arthritis pain sufferers the right treatment is Viscosupplementation whereby a preparation of Hyaluronic acid a gel-like FDA approved medicine is applied directly into the knee joint using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology*.

Hyaluronic acid is the natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your car without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosupplementation gets the best results and is so important for avoiding surgery.

The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at **NY Pain MD** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targeting* during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.) can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.



"If you have knee arthritis pain, viscosupplementation might be the answer you are looking for. The keys are not wait, get a good evaluation from an expert and make sure precision arthritis targeting is used to make sure you have the best chance for success."

Can This Be Avoided? Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife.



Normal Pain-Free Knee Joint **Everyone Wants Proof:**

In the artist simulated drawings, picture #1 is a normal, pain-free knee. There is no arthritis and the knee can move and bend freely without pain.



Knee With Painful Arthritis **Pain -**

Illustration shown is a knee joint with painful osteoarthritis. Arthritis causes the joint space to decrease, grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs, swelling and a lot of pain.



Research Shows Doctors Miss The Joint Space Up To 30% Of The Time Without Advanced Imaging **Failed Treatment -**

The injection (Lubrication medicine) misses the joint space. Research shows this occurs up to 30% of the time without the use of the digital imaging to guide the injection. This is why lubrication medicine may not have worked for you



Lubrication Medicine Injected Directly Into Knee Joint Like "Joint Oil" using Precision Targeting Technology **Successful Treatment -**

Successful Treatment - Lubrication Medicine (blue) being precisely injected directly into the knee joint using digital imaging. Advance imaging allows treatments to be as precise as possible. Lubrication medicine can lubricate the joint and decrease pain.

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That's when their specially trained-doctors added cutting-edge arthritis treatments to their already successful comprehensive knee pain relief program.

Viscosupplementation is unique because - even though it is manufactured by a pharmaceutical company, it is NOT considered a drug because it is a natural substance with an incredible story.

Why So Many Want It

You see, when you suffer with arthritis - the lubricating fluid (synovial fluid) in your knee joint dries up.

This means instead of gliding smoothly - your bones start to rub and grind against each other.

This causes a little pain in the beginning - but over time the pain steadily gets worse until it is excruciating.

Like "Joint Oil"

Viscosupplementation works so well because it is like "joint oil." It is a natural substance that contains one of the natural building blocks of the synovial fluid that lubricates your knee.

Scientists and researchers discovered this natural building block to synovial fluid in the rooster's comb - that big red thing on top of the roosters head. It is extracted from the roosters comb, purified and concentrated. They have also developed medical lubricants that are also natural but made a bit like yogurt and "cultured" into highly effective arthritis pain-fighting medical lubricants.

When introduced directly into your knee joint, it is like squirting oil on a rusty door hinge.

Viscosupplementation allows your joints to glide more smoothly eliminating a lot of the rubbing, grinding and pain.

Can Supplements Do The Same Thing?

No. Glucosamine and chondroitin and other supplements are much different. You can only get this from a doctor and it often helps knee pain sufferers who got limited or no success from glucosamine and chondroitin. Beware of unsubstantiated claims made by supplements to do what this advanced medical procedure does.

Why You Should Try This Even If You've Already Had Similar Treatments Without Results...

"We have been able to help so many knee pain sufferers even many who have already tried other treatments like Synvisc, Supartz, Orthovisc and even Hyalgan. This is because our treating doctors always use "Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology". This allows us to place the Viscosupplementation exactly where it needs to be. Studies show doctors doing joint injections without technology can miss the joint up to 30% of the time." noted the Director of Center

NY Pain MD is a state of the art medical facility offering nly the best technology.



Advanced Medical Technology Can Make All The Difference: This advanced Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology using fluoroscopic imaging allows doctors to see directly into the knee joint so treatments are precise and the FDA approved lubricating medicine actually goes EXACTLY where it is supposed to. Studies show that procedures done without this technology can miss the joint up to 30% of the time. This is one reason Viscosupplementation may not have worked for you in the past. **NY Pain MD** uses this P.A.T. Imaging Technology. with each and every treatment.

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"Every case is individual. Some patients get quite a bit of relief right away - others take a little more time. But most have been extremely happy. We've noted results lasting no less than 6 months for many but up to 2 years for some patients.. Patients who were suffering for years with bad knee pain are getting their lives back... going for walks again and exercising. It's amazing to see. They tell all their friends - that's why we are swarmed. After getting treatment and feeling better, many patients have decided to cancel their total knee replacement surgeries." added the director.

How To Find Out If It Can Help You?

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Gov. Cuomo urges president to provide emergency funds for Penn Station repairs

Amtrak has come under fire in recent weeks after a pair of derailments that disrupted travel for hundreds of thousands of commuters. Since then, deteriorating track conditions at Penn Station have triggered daily service delays and cancellations.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Sunday urged President Donald Trump to treat disruptions in train service at Manhattan's Pennsylvania Station as an emergency and provide federal assistance to fix "deplorable" conditions at the transit hub.

Cuomo said 600,000 daily commuters who use rail service at Penn

faced a "summer of agony" if essential track repairs were left under the control of Amtrak, which operates the nation's busiest train station. In addition to Amtrak's intercity service, trains operated by New Jersey Transit and the Long Island Rail Road run into and out of the station.

"I request that the federal government treat this as an emergency situation and provide funding for the short-term Penn construction and transportation alternatives and facilitation of a long-term resolution for Penn Station," Cuomo wrote in a letter to Trump that the governor's office released in an email.

The subsequent overcrowding of the midtown Manhattan station has created "near riot" conditions for stranded



Evening commuters make their way toward a New Jersey Transit train platform at Penn Station. GETTY IMAGES

commuters, Cuomo said.

"I have referred to the station as reminding me of the Catacombs — claustrophobic, threatening and crumbling," wrote Cuomo, considered a likely contender for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination.

Cuomo, who has

emerged as a champion of New York infrastructure projects in his two terms as governor, urged Trump to consider including an overhaul of the station in his \$1 trillion plan for federal infrastructure investments.

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"I have referred to the station as reminding me of the Catacombs — claustrophobic, threatening and crumbling."

Cuomo

Amtrak, "we would be open to considering a number of options," said Cuomo, noting the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey could do a better job at overseeing the necessary repairs and renovations. The Port Authority operates the region's airports and many of its bridges and tunnels.

He raised doubts about Amtrak's pledge to complete necessary track repairs in six weeks this summer, a project that will require a 20 percent reduction in train service during

peak hours.

"Even if true, this will be a summer of agony as thousands of commuters would be significantly inconvenienced and alternative routes and means would be swamped," Cuomo wrote.

Since his election in 2011, Cuomo has presided over the long-delayed opening of New York's Second Avenue subway, a renovation of LaGuardia Airport and replacement of the Tappan Zee Bridge across the Hudson River, among other projects. REUTERS

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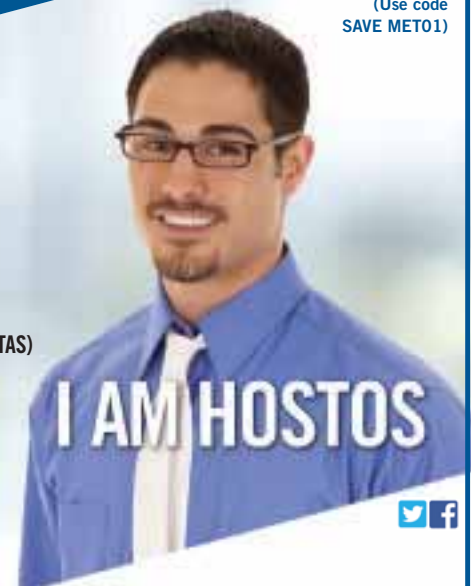
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Motorist who ran amok in Times Square says he tried 'to get help'

Rojas said he had no recollection of the Times Square incident, but recounted having a sandwich to eat with his mother Thursday morning before deciding to take a drive.

The Navy veteran charged with killing a young woman and injuring 20 others by speeding down a crowded Times Square sidewalk in his car said in published remarks Saturday that he had sought psychiatric care beforehand, to no avail.

"I was trying to get help," Richard Rojas, 26, was quoted as telling the New York Post in a tearful jailhouse interview

two days after the carnage in the heart of Midtown Manhattan. "I wanted to fix my life. I wanted to get a job. Get a girlfriend."

According to the Post, Rojas said he had recently spoken to a mental health counselor at a local veterans center who promised to call him Monday. "Monday hasn't come yet," he added.

On Thursday, Rojas climbed behind the wheel of his Honda sedan and drove down Seventh Avenue, then careened onto the sidewalk, mowing down frantic pedestrians in his path for three city blocks before crashing. He was subdued by onlookers and police as he tried to flee on foot.

He has been charged with second-degree murder, vehicular homicide and multiple counts of attempted murder.



One person was killed and at least 22 were injured on Thursday when a car careened through Times Square and plowed through a crowd of pedestrians in one of New York City's most congested corridors, officials said. GETTY IMAGES

"I wanted to clear my head," he told the newspaper. "The last thing I remember is driving in my car. Then, I woke up in the [police] precinct. ... I was terrified."

A police source has told Reuters that Rojas is believed to have been under the influence of some intoxicating substance,

and ABC News has cited law enforcement sources as saying he apparently was high on synthetic marijuana.

"I guess it was laced with something," Rojas told the Post.

Navy and public court records show Rojas has had numerous run-ins with the law over the

past decade, with at least four prior arrests, two for drunken driving, and one just last week for allegedly threatening another man with a knife outside his apartment in New York City's Bronx borough.

While serving in the Navy in 2013, he spent two months in a military brig in South Carolina,

"I wanted to clear my head ... The last thing I remember is driving in my car. Then, I woke up in the precinct."

Rojas told the NY Post

though records do not indicate why.

One friend who spoke with Reuters shortly after Thursday's incident in Times Square described Rojas as someone who returned from his Navy service with a drinking problem and other personal difficulties but got no help. REUTERS

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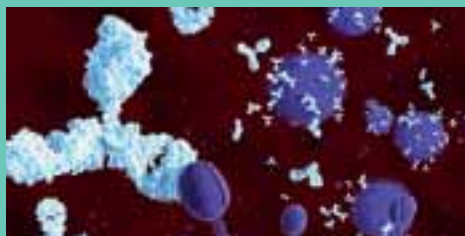


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Washington Post: Medicaid cuts coming in Trump budget



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President Donald Trump's budget proposal, set to be unveiled Tuesday, will include cuts to Medicaid and propose changes to other assistance programs for low-income citizens, the Washington Post reported on Sunday.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

A Republican healthcare bill that passed the House of Representatives in early May seeks to overhaul the national healthcare system and cut more than \$800 billion over the next 10 years from Medicaid, the government health insurance program for the poor and disabled.

The healthcare bill faces a difficult time in the Senate, where Democrats and some

"In yet another broken promise to working people, President Trump's budget pulls the rug out from so many who need help."

Schumer

Republicans worry about its impact on costs for low-income Americans, among other issues.

"In yet another broken promise to working people, President Trump's budget pulls the rug out from so many who need help," Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said in a statement, in response to the report. "This budget is taking the fast lane to rejection, in response to the American people and both parties in Congress"

The Post report

said the White House would also give individual states more autonomy over a variety of anti-poverty programs including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, the largest U.S. anti-hunger program, which was formerly called the food stamp program.

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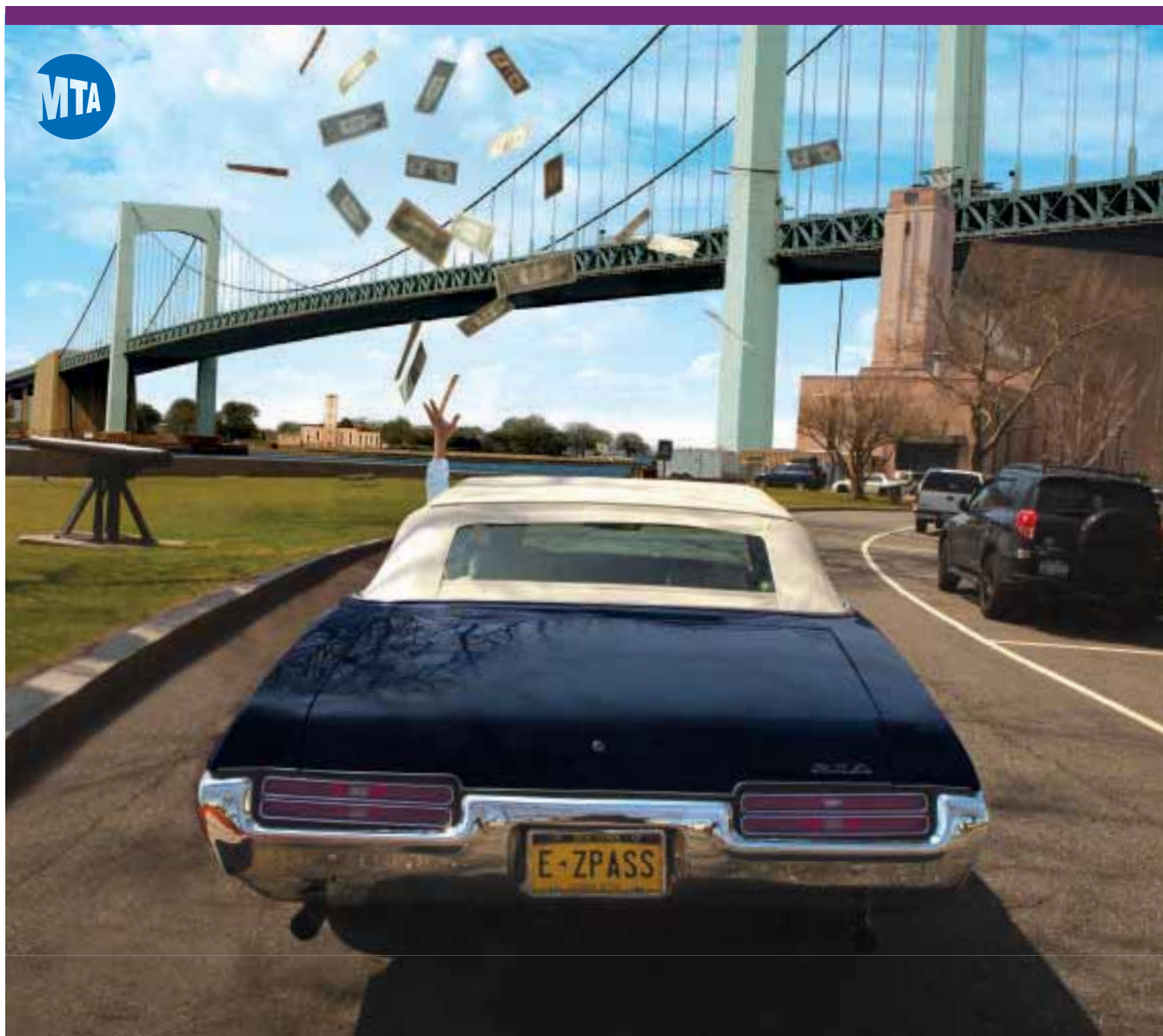
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Polarizing Milwaukee sheriff denies CNN report that he plagiarized

Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke, who said last week he accepted a job with the Department of Homeland Security, has denied a report that he plagiarized content in his 2013 master's thesis, calling the story's reporter a "sleaze bag."

Clarke, an African-American who became a staunch critic of the Black Lives Matter movement and supported Republican Donald Trump's presidential campaign, lifted language from multiple sources for his thesis at the Naval Postgraduate School, CNN reported on Saturday.

Clarke provided footnotes for the sources of the thesis, titled "Making U.S. security and privacy rights compatible," the story by CNN reporter Andrew Kaczynski said. But the thesis failed to use



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quotation marks where Clarke used passages verbatim, which breaches school guidelines, the network said.

"Guy is a sleaze bag. I'm on to him folks," Clarke wrote of Kaczynski in a Twitter post late on Saturday. The post linked to a story in which Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky pushed back against a Kaczynski story for BuzzFeed News, in which he was accused of using disputed quotes.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported that Clarke said in an email to the paper, "Only someone with a political agenda would say this is plagiarism."

REUTERS

Notre Dame graduates walk out on Pence as he touts free speech

Dozens of students walked out of Notre Dame University's commencement exercise Sunday to protest a speech by Vice President Mike Pence, who warned graduates of the prestigious Catholic school against suppressing free speech.

The protesters, among the thousands of graduates and guests assembled in the university's football stadium, stood up when the conservative Republican began his speech and streamed out of the ceremony, to the jeers of some of those who remained.

A few of the students had messages of protest attached to their tradi-



Mike Pence GETTY IMAGES

tional mortarboard graduation caps. One of them displayed an inverted U.S. flag, a sign of protest popularized during the Vietnam War era, and the words "Are we great again yet?" a reference to President Donald Trump's campaign slogan.

In his speech at the northern Indiana school,

"I would submit that the increasing intolerance and suppression of the time-honored tradition of free expression on our campuses jeopardizes the liberties of every American. This should not, and must not, be met with silence." Pence

Pence, the state's former governor and a onetime gay-conversion therapy advocate, squarely addressed the controversy of what constitutes free speech on campus, an issue that has intensified at many universities since Trump's election victory last year.

"I would submit that

the increasing intolerance and suppression of the time-honored tradition of free expression on our campuses jeopardizes the liberties of every American. This should not, and must not, be met with silence," Pence said, in an apparent reference to efforts to bar him from speaking. REUTERS

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But where was Meghan Markle?

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Although the 35-year-old did not attend with the Hot Ginger Prince, she did show up at the reception afterward. Despite earlier reports that Markle would be attending the wedding ceremony, she just skipped ahead to the fun reception part instead. Smart girl!

As a source tells E!

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Markle and Harry were wary of shifting the focus to themselves on Middleton's wedding day, because they know they are hotter and cooler. "Right now Harry and Meghan are leaning towards not wanting to attract extra attention, especially on a day that's not about them," says

the source. That's so nice!

What would a Dwayne Johnson presidency even look like?

Dwayne Johnson just won't stop talking about maybe running for president in the year 2020. I'm not so sure we'll even make it to the year 2020, but the 45-year-old "Baywatch" star is richer than me and therefore way more optimistic.

Johnson he showed up to "Saturday Night Live" to (maybe) jokingly announce that he would be running for president with



Tom Hanks as his running mate. Oh my days!

However, I think it's important to consider who, exactly, would be in his cabinet. Here are

my suggestions.

Tom Hanks, of course, as vice president, giving us the Joe Biden sass and camaraderie we so miss.

Jesse Ventura as secretary of state. The Rock needs someone from his pro wrestling past that he can trust.

Secretary of defense would be Zac Efron. He has a very strong core.

Secretary of education? Brendan Fraser. They were both in those "Mummy" movies, right?

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Katy Perry's new song, 'Swish Swish,' is probably about T. Swift, yawn

As most people unfortunately know, Katy Perry and Taylor Swift have been in a near constant state of polite feuding. Earlier this month, Perry kept things vague, saying that while her new album "Witness" wouldn't be dissing anybody in particular, it would be damn empowering. "I think [my new album is] a very empowered record," she said. "There is no



one thing that's calling out any one person. This record is not about anyone else!" The lady doth protest too much.

But also she just released a song, "Swish Swish," featuring Nicki Minaj — a woman who has had her own Taylor Swift tiff — that is definitely about Tay Tay.

On an appearance on "The Tonight Show," host Jimmy Fallon asked Perry if the song

was about like, anyone in particular. "I think it's a great anthem for people to use whenever someone's trying to hold you down or bully you," said the 32-year-old. "It's a liberation from all the [negativity] that doesn't serve you." Sigh.

Well it's no Tupac Shakur vs. Biggie Smalls, but I guess we take what we can get.

Beyonce had a very elaborate baby shower

It seems so long ago that Beyonce shook us all to our very respective cores by announcing that she was pregnant with twins. Since then, she has given us no other information. So speculate as we may want to, we don't really know when they're due.

This could be a hint though: Over the weekend, Beyonce threw a celebrity-studded push party, a celebration known to us normals as a baby shower.

The 35-year-old decorated her belly with hen-

na and was joined by the likes of La La Anthony and Serena Williams.

The superstar has been laying low in the past couple of months, but recently, Our Lady Bey — along with husband Jay Z, 47, and daughter Blue Ivy, 5 — have chosen Los Angeles as their new home base for their growing family.

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ther — BreakFestival will begin at the very civilized hour of noon Saturday, June 10, and goes on until 8 p.m. at Sunset Park's Industry City.

While BrunchCon may have put us off mimosas for a while, this isn't BreakFestival's first rodeo — it's the second year that

the team at Extra Crispy are wrangling all the bacon and eggs you can handle, so expect smooth sailing.

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Beverages from coffee to Bloody Marys will also be flowing, along with "plenty of breakfast-fueled merriment" including a DJ and dancing.

"There Will Be Drinking" cohorts will do a live "Twin Peaks" recap tonight at Threes Brewing. FACEBOOK.COM/TWBDPODCAST



"Twin Peaks" premiere gets a live recap at Threes Brewing

It's the day after the "Twin Peaks" season three premiere, and you likely have a lot of questions. Or perhaps you didn't get to tune in yet (stay off the internet today!). Tonight at Threes Brewing, you can catch a screening of the premiere followed by a live recap from the co-hosts of the podcast "There Will Be Drinking."

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Big fun with little ones

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Dance for kids

Introduce your little ones to the arts, or a fun way to stay fit for life. Through July 1, catch the **American Ballet Theatre's** new full-length production for all ages, "Whipped Cream," which plays at the Metropolitan Opera House. Set to Strauss, the ballet follows a young boy who overindulges on sweets and enters a delirium of dancing treats (so if your kids like "The Nutcracker," they'll be sweet on this one). Then, **LC Kids Dance** returns July 15 with a full day of



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Nonstop fun on the Hudson

As soon as the weather warms up, Hudson River Park becomes a hub of kid-friendly fun. **Summer on the Hudson** brings dozens of free art and cultural events for all ages through Sept. 30. Everything from live concerts to fitness classes, bike-riding lessons and karaoke are held along the scenic waterfront; top



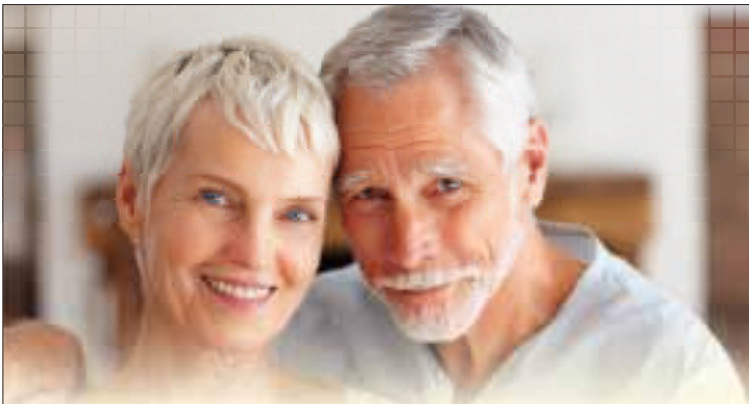
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choices for kids include Play Dates (social parties with entertainers, crafts and games), Locomotive Lawn Live (a musical story time series) and a Children's Performance Series.

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Does anything capture kids' imaginations quite like mummies? Maybe dinosaurs. So you're in luck: You can find both at

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weekends, holidays and school vacation weeks, free with admission.

Art festivals & family days

These are our picks for art-filled family fests you shouldn't miss.

The free **Figment Festival** on Governors Island, June 3-4, features puppet shows, painting, baking and breaking things.

On July 9 head to the

Whitney Museum for Kids Summer Family Day. It opens early for families offers activities and music by jazz at Lincoln Center.

And don't miss **Museum Mile** on June 13, when Fifth Avenue closes from 82nd to 105th streets and entry to museums from The Met to El Museo del Barrio is free. The street fair has food, music, crafts and more.

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Tituss Burgess is a legend in the making

The “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” star opens up about his inspirations — and his responsibilities.

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Make no mistake: There's a reason that Titus Andromedon is a favorite among “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” fans. And it has a lot to do with the man behind the “Peeno Noir”: Tituss Burgess.

Burgess is one of a kind. Over the phone, he's thoughtful — he's passionate as he talks about his family, his upbringing, and his craft. Oh, and he's fun. He calls me a diva. We briefly trade lip-smacking “OKs!” And at the end of the interview, he quips: “You go and write the fiercest article, girl.”

Though he sounds a lot less like Titus than you'd expect, the 38-year-old says he and his “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt” character are one in the same. “I don't actively differentiate myself from Titus Andromedon,” he says. Then he jokes, “Titus would put as much thought into answer-

ing these questions as I would!”

We laugh. But, he notes seriously, his keen eye for bold characters started in his childhood. “I'm an only child, so I only had myself to entertain [growing up]. And when you are by yourself, you have a great deal of time to observe.”

Church, in particular, became a big inspiration for the Athens, Georgia, native.

“As you may or may not know, there are some characters at church. And these people lead all sorts of lives — double ones, triple ones, quadruple ones. I picked up on certain behavior patterns that stuck out to me as abnormal up



Titus Andromedon gets his “Lemonade” on the new season. **NETFLIX**



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against the backdrop of the church.”

He's used those observations to buoy his performances on Broadway, from “Guys and Dolls” to “The Little Mermaid.” “It became easier to drop into different characters, because I spent so much time studying human beings.”

One of the main things he learned that audiences respond to? Good vibes. “When I saw the messages of sincerity and love [in church], how all of those messages parlay into a glorious response from a

body of people, that's the type of energy that I want to incite my audience to feel,” he says. “I want to get to the core of something they would identify with.”

That, of course, is how he came to balance Titus' dark side — including his casual forays into low-self esteem and feelings of immobility.

“Titus' darkness kind of drives his everything. It's his motivation for wanting to succeed, and it's my knowledge of those very real spaces that I've lived in parts of my past,” says the “30 Rock” alum. Some of those real spaces, like racism and gen-

trification, are covered in “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt,” which, for all its apparent fluff, seamlessly tackles more serious topics, too. “All these struggles have one thing in common: oppression. So all of us should be standing in solidarity with the other because we are all marginalized,” he says talking faster.

“If there's blowback about any particular episode or that we've handled the subject matter improperly or poorly, I'm like, ‘You idiot!’ You're not paying attention. You're uninformed. In 26 minutes we've done more to [address]

the hurt of a people than some movements, than some marches have.”

Burgess believes shows and celebrities have the responsibility to address these issues. “When you have a platform, and can say whatever you want, why not talk about things that are truthful?” he continues. “Even if they're through the lens of comedy. Why not talk about things that are thought-provoking? I'd rather talk about this than be on some other sitcom where the world they live in doesn't reflect the world that I live in. I hunger for more these days.”

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A summer internship is a great opportunity to enhance your resume and begin learning the skills you'll need to enter the workforce.

But for many students, jumping from classroom learning into the daily challenges on the job can oftentimes be challenging.

Not to mention, you also want to impress your supervisor, build a strong professional network, and possibly even land a full-time job at the company.

We spoke to Rhea Wong, the executive director of Breakthrough New York for some tips that'll help you get the most out of the internship experience:

Be a proactive problem solver

While interns might feel uneasy about asking questions at first, "It's better to ask if you don't know, than to assume and do the wrong thing," says Wong.

But there is one caveat: Don't ask questions that you can find the answer to yourself, she says.

Rather than asking, "How do I make an

Excel spreadsheet?" — something you could easily figure out by doing a quick Google search — interns should be asking more specific questions, like "How would you like to have this Excel sheet presented?"

In other words, they should make a conscious effort to be proactive problem solvers before seeking out the help of staffers. "If you say, 'I searched online and tried to find the answer, but I couldn't.' I think they would be much more willing to help since it shows that you've made some attempt to try to figure it out on your own," says Wong.

Make connections

Interns have a tendency to stay in their comfort zone and mingle with fellow interns, says Wong, "but the truth is, those interns aren't really going to be able to help them advance their career."

Instead, they should aim for the more strategic approach: Forming relationships with other staffers. After all, "An internship is a great opportunity to build a professional network, so they should be taking advantage of that," says Wong.

So take the initiative to make those connections. "Frankly, staffers

"Think about communication"

- Read over all emails to make sure they're professional, accurate and well written.
- Resist the temptation to complain to coworkers and other interns.
- Avoid taking social media or texting breaks during the day.
- Never put anything in writing that you wouldn't be comfortable having associated with your name in public.

are busy. Generally, they're not going to say no to a request to sit down and have coffee or lunch with you, but they might not go out of their way to make that happen," she says. In that sense, "It's really on the intern to build that bridge."

Go above and beyond

"A lot of times, interns will be told what to do, but it's the exceptional intern that goes above and beyond and anticipates what might be needed," says Wong. Perhaps you're interning at a real-estate firm and you've finished your work for

the day. You could start researching other buildings in the area. "Not only is that a great way to learn, but it's also a great way to market yourself as somebody who has a can-do attitude," she says.

Plus, the more you're able to add value to the company, the more responsibility you'll get — and the more likely you are to be considered for a job later down the line, she says.

Follow the office culture

Being mindful and adaptable to the culture of the workplace is crucial, says Wong.

If you're in an office where everyone is wearing jeans, dressing in a suit and tie — as professional as it may seem — is probably not the best choice. "If your wardrobe is not in line with the culture of the organization, you're just going to stick out like a sore thumb," explains Wong.

Same goes for communication. "If you're in an office where people communicate via email more than they do in person, then you should adjust yourself accordingly." In general, your tone in person, email, and over the phone should always mirror that of the culture around you, she says.

A guide to getting rich

Everyone wants to rake in the big bucks, but there aren't many people who know how to get there. There is one financial guru, however, who has quite a few tricks up her sleeve.

After finding her 40-year-old self living in a converted garage with a list of issues all centered around one theme — not having enough money — Jen Sincero decided to kick start her quest for a full financial makeover.

The California native began studying money, seeking out self-help seminars and focusing on one goal: getting rich.

Thankfully, her efforts panned out. Her intense search for the answers to her own financial woes helped her to create a successful online business

as a life coach, and eventually, led to the writing of her first best-seller, "You Are a Badass." Now, the 51-year-old has a seven-figure salary and spends her time traveling the world training others on how to transform their bank accounts.

We spoke with Sincero for some tips on being a badass money-maker:

Shift your perspective

In the beginning, it's all about thinking positive. Sincero says the only way you can do that is by questioning your negative beliefs about money — and then rewriting them. For her, that meant turning off the broken record that kept repeating, "I can't afford it." "I looked at what I was telling myself and was like, 'Can I really not afford it? What does that even mean?'" she says. "I decided to replace 'I can't afford it' with, 'I live in an abundant universe and I receive money all the time with great glee.'" And despite

the simplistic approach, the concept makes sense. After all, "if you focus on the negative, you will constantly pull into your focus all the things that will prove that you're correct," she explains.

Take risks

Many times there are opportunities right in front of us that we blithely ignore because we're too scared to take the risk, says Sincero. The key to financial success, she believes is being willing to put yourself out there. "When the opportunity arises to ask somebody you're terrified of for a job, take out a loan to rent out a space for your new business or approach your boss and ask them for a raise — do it," she says. In other words,

aim for things that scare the crap out of you. "If you're not where you want to be financially, you've got to change it up," says Sincero. "Anything that kicks off some sort of emotional response in you, and is a bit scary, that's what you want to go for."

Getting rich often requires taking risks. ISTOCK

Hang out with the right people

"You should be hanging out with people who have a very positive attitude about money, as opposed to your sad, sad friends who are constantly complaining about how bad the economy is, and how hard it is to make money," says Sincero. Why? Because you tend to develop the same mind-set as the people you associate with, she explains. While hanging on the negative may make for a good venting session, it certainly won't help you get ahead. Instead, you should be seeking the company of those who are making money and are excited about their financial success.

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After trekking through years of medical school, getting certified as pediatrician makes the journey well worth it. After all, "pediatrics is a fun environment," says Dr. Blaze Gusic, a pediatrician at the Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center.

Sure, some children are terrified of going to the doctor. "We try to make it an environment that is kid-friendly," he says. "That means bright colors and lots of cartoon characters on the walls." Not to mention toys and games in the waiting area.

We spoke with Gusic to find out more about the profession.

What does a pediatrician do?

A pediatrician is a medical doctor who specializes in caring for children from birth until 21 years of age. But it goes beyond administering shots and treating the sniffles. "What many people don't realize is that we don't just take care of physical health and give

immunizations," he explains. "We also work to ensure that children are socially, emotionally and developmentally healthy."

What schooling do you need?

After getting an undergraduate degree – it "doesn't need to be in science, although certain science classes like biology, chemistry and physics are required," Gusic says – medical school is another four years. Following that, doctors spend three years in an internship and residency focused purely on the care of children, he says.

What's the typical salary?

The median annual salary for pediatricians is \$184,240, according to the most recent reports by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The best-paid in the profession made \$258,321, while the lowest-paid made \$141,851.

Is it hard to find employment?

"As long as there are children, there will be work for pediatricians," says Gusic. Plus, as a profession that provides a variety of job options, finding employment is usually not an issue. "While most pediatricians provide direct care for patients and families, there are career paths that allow for teaching medical students and residents or working on research projects," he says.

Aside from that, the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 10 percent employment growth between 2014 and 2024, during which an estimated 3,600 jobs will open up.

The pros

"It's always gratifying to watch a child grow from an infant into a toddler, preschooler and onwards," says Gusic.

It's also rewarding to develop relationships with families, which in some cases can even cross generations. "Some of us who have been doing this long enough get to see our patients grow up and become parents to our next round of patients," he says.

The cons

Taking care of children with chronic and sometimes fatal illnesses is always emotionally challenging. "It's never easy to see a child suffer or pass away," he says.

Pediatricians also have to care for children coming from disadvantaged social and economic situations, and witness firsthand what happens when children grow up in poor conditions, he continues.

"In many areas of the country where there is a lack of access to care, children's basic health needs are not being met, and young children are especially vulnerable to these stressors," explains Gusic.

Phil must step up to save relationship with KP

No progress was made when Jackson met with Porzingis' brother and agent, Janis.



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New York Knicks president Phil Jackson met with Kristaps Porzingis' brother and agent, Janis, on Saturday in an attempt to mend the damaged relationship that saw the young Latvian star skip his end-of-season exit interview with management.

In true Knicks fashion though, "there was no substantial progress made," as first reported by ESPN.com.

After one of the most dysfunctional seasons from an NBA team in recent memory, Porzingis' frustration boiled over to him standing up Jackson and Knicks general manager Steve Mills shortly af-



Phil Jackson and Kristaps Porzingis' relationship has been nonexistent in the last month after the star big man went to Latvia. GETTY IMAGES

ter a 31-51 regular season wrapped up.

It was the fourth-straight year and 13th time in 16 seasons that the Knicks had a losing record and missed the playoffs.

While the youngster obviously hasn't been

with the Knicks for nearly that long, the inconsistencies of not playing under a set offensive scheme and the behavior of his teammates and president away from the court struck a nerve with the 21-year-old.

Jackson has continu-

ously tried to push Porzingis' mentor, Carmelo Anthony, out of town while Derrick Rose dealt with a sexual assault case at the beginning of the season and inexplicably disappeared for a few days in January.

Not to mention there

was also the Charles Oakley incident and Joakim Noah's drug suspension.

So Porzingis did what many of us probably would do if we worked under those conditions: boarded a plane shortly after the regular season

and returned home to Latvia and has since traveled around Europe.

He hasn't talked to the Knicks at all, either.

It prompted teams to call New York and ask if he was available for trade, though nothing of note actually arose from any of those calls.

For a team that hasn't had much to cheer about over the last two decades, now is not the time for Phil Jackson's hubris to get in the way of what's best for the team.

Porzingis is the future and the best thing that has happened to the Knicks since Anthony arrived in New York.

So the equation for Jackson is actually quite simple: swallow your pride and get Porzingis back on good terms so he can lead this team for the next decade. If he runs the 7-foot-3 star out of town, an aggravated fan base with 16 years worth of anger will probably make sure he meets the same fate.

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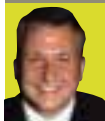
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Is there any sign of hope? Knicks fans have been mumbling that to themselves for months as they mentally cope with the disaster that is the franchise that they root for. Oftentimes you feel like they should be paying you to show up and watch them play instead of the other way around. Rooting for the orange and blue often leaves you black and blue.

It is tough to be a Knicks fan and they need some luck this past Tuesday night at the NBA draft lottery. After winning some games down

the stretch and losing a coin flip with Minnesota, the Knicks were sitting there with the seventh seed and looking to move up in the draft.

Not only did they not move up in the lottery, but they lost a spot, falling to No. 8 overall.

Should we be surprised at this point? Because the Knicks are all about the style and not necessarily the substance of the product that is on the basketball court.

Knicks fans and celebrity gawkers pack Madison Square Garden on a nightly basis for 41 home dates during the regular season regardless of the product that trots out there. Maybe we are all to blame for the dysfunction that is New York Knicks basketball. After all, the only way that we

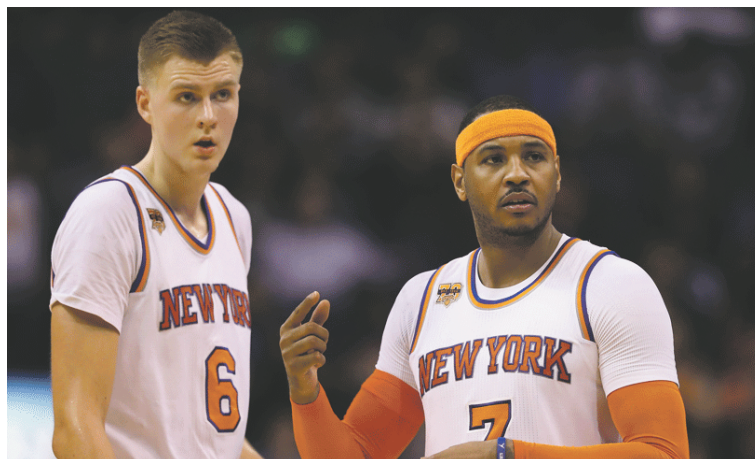
could hold owner James Dolan accountable for the ineptitude is to simply not show up and watch this team play.

Yet we still do.

On my radio show, I am often asked "What can the fans do?" The easy answer is to not spend money on the team. Yet, we still watch unwatchable basketball. We still spend money on a bad product when the only way to send a message is to stop watching and stop showing up. Why would anyone feel the pressure to change if the profit margin does not change?

There is no pressure to do so because the money keeps rolling in.

Now maybe that will change one day when the frustration level is greater than it is today. But as I



The Knicks haven't done much to gain the confidence of fans over the past 16 years. GETTY IMAGES

write this column there is no need to change because if you can deal with the embarrassment and public outcry, there are no significant repercussions if you don't change.

Dolan does not even hold Jackson accountable for the poor record and the inept play of the Knicks as he remains "committed" to the "The Zen Master."

At this point, Jackson is probably even surprised that he still has a job. If he isn't, then he has very

little self-awareness.

On second thought, Jackson probably feels he deserves to stay because, as we have learned, Phil walks to the beat of a different drum. I really think he literally would drive Carmelo Anthony to the airport if Anthony would agree to a trade this summer. After all, Jackson feels it is the smart move to continually talk about how he feels Anthony should play somewhere else in order

to chase a championship. I guess in Jackson's world that helps build up a player's trade value instead of hurting it.

So where does that leave the Knicks fans in this city? On a one way ticket to nowhere and the only way to send a message of discontent is to stop watching the train wreck they have become — which does not appear to be in the cards.

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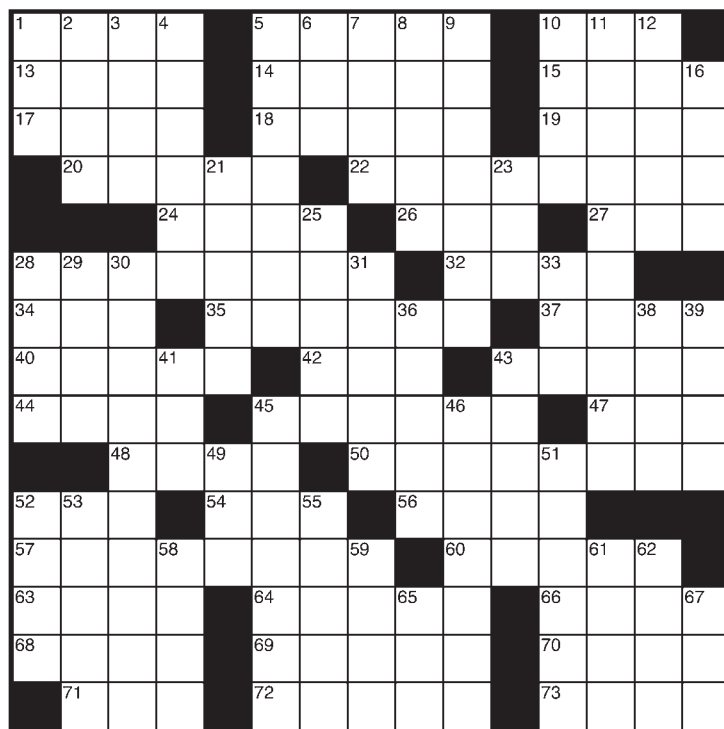
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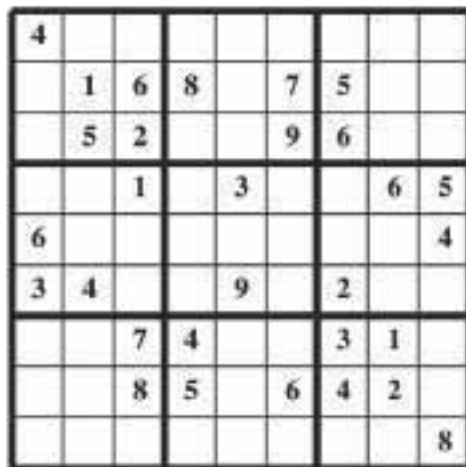
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- 38 Dye-yielding plant
- 39 Assessment
- 41 Twist the truth
- 43 Herd follower
- 45 Whodunit sleuths
- 46 Tried
- 49 Give -- break
- 51 Hepburn of films
- 52 Wavy-bladed dagger
- 53 Scarf down (2 wds.)
- 55 Piece of fish
- 58 Not for
- 59 Crystal gazer
- 61 Type of dollar
- 62 Small dent
- 65 Youth org.
- 67 Teachers' gp.

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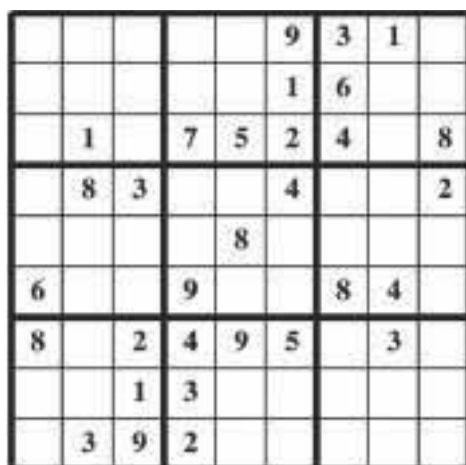


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Aries Emotions will flare up if you don't keep busy. Schedule your day to prevent you from wasting time or letting little annoyances get to you. Offer love, not discord.



Taurus You'll have plenty to offer if you attend a meeting or set up an interview. Getting ahead should be your focus. Telling it like it is will gain you respect.



Gemini You can make physical alterations that will pump up your ego and give you the courage you need to do your own thing. Don't procrastinate.



Cancer Think before you say something that might discourage others from helping you. Getting along and offering solutions gracefully is a better way to go.



Leo Adventure will find you wherever you go. Participating in events and jumping from one thing to another will bring you the highest returns. Live in the moment.



Virgo Look for something that interests you. A seminar, trip or special-interest group will encourage you to try something different and make new acquaintances.



Libra You've got everything in place, so don't be deterred by someone's comment. Step up and figure it out as you go. Success comes from taking action, not from procrastinating.



Scorpio Figure out what you want to pursue and get what you need in order to make your vision a reality. You can make a major personal change for the better.



Sagittarius Take control of your life and incorporate satisfying changes. Personal gains will be made if you get involved and make things happen.



Capricorn Think twice before you trust someone enough to share your personal thoughts or information. It's important to protect yourself against manipulative individuals.



Aquarius Go where the action is. Socialize, network and get involved in situations that you feel you can help or benefit from. New beginnings will stem from old beliefs.



Pisces Consider all aspects of every situation you face before you make a move. A dispute will leave you in a precarious position if you act prematurely. Be smart. **EUGENIA LAST**

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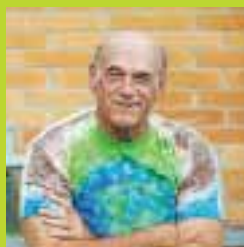
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